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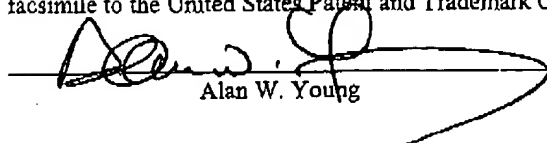
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2002, Applicant submit herewith the following:

- 1) Amendment (6 pages);
- 2) This Transmittal letter (1 page);

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued January 15, 2003, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks to the above-referenced patent application:

Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15-19, 22-27, 29-33 and 36-41 were rejected under 25 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Healy et al. (US 6,298,328). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested, for the following reasons.

At the outset, the applicant respectfully reminds the Patent Office of its own standards for anticipation under Section 102 of the Patent statute, as set forth in the MPEP:

"TO ANTICIPATE A CLAIM, THE REFERENCE MUST
TEACH EVERY ELEMENT OF THE CLAIM"

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim, but this is not an *ipsissimis verbis* test, i.e., identity of terminology